

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting of April 28, 2011

Committee members attending:

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| ✓ Sally Alderdice (Columbia) | ✓ Kathleen McLaughlin (Putnam) |
| ✓ Greg Callahan (Dutchess) | ✓ John Giralico (Ulster) |
| ✓ Gloria Goverman (Dutchess) | ✓ Margie Menard (Ulster) - Chair |
| ✓ Linda Deubert (Greene) | |

Staff Attending: Mike Nyerges, Merribeth Advocate, Tom Lawrence, Lauren Muffs, Deb Weltsch

Review of Minutes

Alderdice moved that the minutes of the March 4, 2011 be accepted. Seconded by Giralico. Unanimously approved.

Review of updated 2010 – 2011 CLDA Budget

- Lawrence corrected an error in the budget in which \$1,400 was moved from Wilson to contingency.
- There was a discussion about \$17,000 that is currently recorded as a personnel cost. Nyerges suggested that it is really a contract cost. It was eventually decided to leave as is and consider changing it next year.

OCLC ILL Analysis

The discussion was focused on the cost of providing this service. An analysis of the number of MHLS libraries indicated that, excluding Dutchess county, four libraries generated most of the requests. Cost for an ILL is estimated to be around \$19 each. Southeastern ILL cost is about \$25.

Some ideas:

- Don't ILL anything that can be purchased for less than \$15.
- Post the ILL criteria on the MHLS site.
- Libraries can pay for the ILL perhaps partially subsidized by MHLS.
- Individual libraries can go directly to owning libraries and form relationships and bypass OCLC.
- Libraries need to be aware that if an ILL renewal is declined, the same patron can't then request the same item.
- Library directors are asked to review their ILL use and be cognizant of the cost.
- A sub-committee was formed that will look for cost savings and standardize procedures.

Bookletters Widget

- There are widgets (html code) that can be dropped into any webpage to create applications such as the Book-a-Day that is currently in use on MHLS managed webpages.
- Bookletters has a service "Just In" which automatically adjusts the list to only include titles in our catalog. Cost is \$500 p/yr. Currently, Central Library is buying copies of titles on Bookletters lists if title is not presently owned by a MHLS library.
- Cost for Bookletters is \$3,000 plus \$1,000 for various widgets which are available to all libraries.
- On the signup page, the display, which is currently a list format, can be changed to a graphical format.
- The default lists have about six titles. The committee expressed an interest to include additional content. This will be done manually by Central Library and MHLS staff.
- L. Shedrick changed the search string on the Bookletters "Check the Catalog" that fixed some bugs.

Overdrive

- There was a discussion on how to allocate the 60% ebooks/40% audiobooks because the ebooks had additional funding. Additionally, Advocate requested guidance on how to allocate future purchases most effectively to anticipate the MHLS cash flow drop in January. The committee agreed that the remaining amount should be spent as follows: \$3,800 per quarter for audio; \$3,700 per quarter for ebooks. Anything in excess of that amount can be spent immediately. By spending the money quarterly, we can match the publishing cycle more closely.
- There is a new button that can be added to the Overdrive page which will allow patrons to request that a title be considered for addition to the collection.
- Current Overdrive stats:
Audio – 864 titles
eBooks – 424 titles
Total Checkouts – 21,302
Total New Patrons – 5,323

Training

- Deb Weltsch, Coordinator of Central Library Services, is teaching a workshop on Testing & Education Reference Center.
- The focus for the fall is on medical collections. There was a discussion about the age of the collection especially as it pertains to books on medicine and health. It was recommended that the Director's Association require that all libraries assess their medical collections by the end of this year. Central library will provide instructions or, if the member library prefers, can run the list. Vote was 6 in favor, one opposed (Goverman).

Local History Survey

Committee reviewed the survey that Advocate created.

AskUs27/7

Nyerges reported on this national service which is backed up by OCLC and provides real-time chat reference. Participating libraries pay an annual fee (based on population served, materials expense/number of MLS) and add a widget to their webpage. Each participating library is required to certain number of hours for a MLS to be available to chat. For a system to join, the annual fee is about \$1,500 and the required chat hours is about 15 p/week.

Submitted,
Gloria Goverman
5/2/11

DA New Business:

Background:

Issue:

Recommendation: